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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2000, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 9, lines 9 and 11 and page 56, lines 7-8 of the specification, please delete the phrase "http://" from all website addresses.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A substantially purified nucleic acid molecule that encodes a maize or soybean

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